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OFFICE OF THE ACTUARY

Date: April 13, 2006

To: Medicare Advantage & Prescription Drug Plan Sponsors Preparing CY2007

Bids

From: Richard Coyle, Deputy Director, Parts C & D Actuarial Group

Subject: Actuarial Technical User Group Calls

This memorandum serves as a reminder to organizations preparing CY2007 bids that CMS Office of the Actuary will be hosting a series of weekly actuarial technical user group calls. These calls are intended to provide further guidance on completing the Bid Pricing Tools, and respond to questions from industry actuaries who are preparing CY2007 bids.

Questions may be sent in advance to: actuarial-bids@cms.hhs.gov. We ask that questions be e-mailed 48 hours in advance of each weekly call. There will also be a live Q&A session during each call.

The details of these calls are as follows:

• Every Thursday, April 20 – June 1, 2006

• 11:00AM - 12:30PM EDT

• Dial-In Number: 1-800-857-0086

• Password: Benchmark

• Call Leader: Richard Coyle

Call Dates:

April 20, 2006

April 27, 2006

May 4, 2006

May 11, 2006

May 18, 2006

May 25, 2006

June 1, 2006



Actuarial Technical User Group Call

Thursday April 20, 2006 11:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. (E.D.T.) N3-02-00 (Central Office) Tele-Conference (ROs)

Type of meeting: Teleconference

Call Access Information: Toll Free #1-800-857-0086

Pass Code is "Benchmark"

Call Leader: Richard Coyle, Actuary, Medicare Advantage Issues

Speaker/ Co-Leader: Paul Spitalnic, Actuary, Prescription Drug Issues

Facilitator: Debbie Chaney, CMS Office of the Actuary

Attendees: Actuaries - MCOs, Cost Plans, MA Plans, PDPs, PACE Plans

11:00 – 11:05 **Opening Remarks**

11:05 – 11:20 CMS Announcements

11:20 – 11:40 Questions Received in Advance

11:40 – 12:20 Live Q & A

12:20 – 12:30 Closing Remarks

Next Call: Thursday April 27, 2006